

The Cuban Military owns the majority of Cuba's hotels.

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Rodriguez Lopez-Calleja heads the armed forces' holding company GAESA, which runs a range of tourism, construction, banking, air and ground transport and retail businesses across the country, including the hotel chain Gaviota, which owns most of the four- and five-star hotel rooms in the country.

The Cuban state also owns Cuba's two other big chains, the Gran Caribe Hotel Group and Cubanacan, although both chains recently have been losing ground to the military's holding company.

The accounts of the chains, like those of all state enterprises in Cuba, are closed.

But the Cuban government has been very public about its intentions to build its economic future on tourism.

Cuba's current development plan foresees the construction of over 100,000 new hotel rooms by 2030, along with 24 new golf courses.

At the heart of the growth plan are GAESA and other companies owned by the armed forces. GAESA will spend over \$15 billion on 121 hotel projects, twice as much as is expected to come from foreign investors and Cuba's civilian government combined.

The Cuban military is on track to own over 90,000 hotel rooms by 2030 — more rooms than currently exist in the entire Dominican Republic, the most hotel-rich country in the Caribbean.

Exclusive: Pentagon ramps up planning for possible military ops in Cuba

WASHINGTON – Military planning for a possible Pentagon-led operation in Cuba is quietly ramping up, in case President Donald Trump gives an order to intervene there, USA TODAY has learned.

Two sources familiar with the order spoke to USA TODAY on condition of anonymity because they're not authorized to speak to media.

The directives appear to be an escalation of recent tensions between the United States and Cuba that began in January when the Trump administration curbed oil shipments to Cuba as part of a broader campaign to force sweeping political changes on the communist-run island.

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Trump Tower In Cuba: After Fidel Castro's Death, Will Donald Trump Invest In Island Nation?



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Back in 1996, Donald Trump said he wanted to do business with Cuba and was “ready to build the Taj Mahal in Havana” once the “law changes.” At the time, the United States had a trade embargo against Cuba that prohibited American companies to invest in the island nation without Washington’s approval.

According to a September report in [Newsweek](#), Trump’s hotel and casino company secretly conducted business in Cuba in violation of the strict embargo. Internal company records and court filings showed the company spent at least \$68,000 trying to business in Cuba, the report said, adding the money was spent indirectly.

However, in a June 1999 op-ed in the Miami Herald, the construction mogul wrote he would rather lose millions than his self-respect by investing in a country that was a “maximum-security prison” under former revolutionary Fidel Castro’s rule.

“If I opened a casino/hotel in Havana, I would be required to pay Castro about \$10,000 per year for each Cuban worker. But the workers would not benefit. Castro would pay them the equivalent of \$10 a month. The rest he uses to pay for the brutal and violent system that keeps him in power — and deprives the Cuban people of basic human rights. In other words, my investment in Cuba would directly subsidize the oppression of the Cuban people,” Trump explained in the editorial.

